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Applicants : Miri Seiberg, et al.  
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For : METHOD FOR REGULATING PILAGOCYTOSIS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is respectfully submitted in order to conform the claims with regard to the restriction requirement rendered in the above-identified parent application, Serial No. 09/206,249. A Petition for Extension of Time was submitted in conjunction with the parent application. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly add the following:

This application is a divisional application of parent patent application U.S. Serial No. 09/206,249, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

5. The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises an agent which activates the PAR-2 pathway.
8. The composition of claim 2, wherein the composition comprises an agent which inhibits the PAR-2 pathway.
9. The composition of claim 2, wherein the composition comprises an agent selected from the group consisting of a soybean derivative and a serine protease inhibitor.
11. The composition of claim 1, wherein the appropriate cells are PAR-2-expressing cells.